

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention in the light of comments made by the Examiner regarding the wording of the claim. The term "portable" has been deleted and replaced by the term "hand held" for which there is support in the description at page 5 and Figure 1.

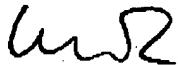
With reference to the confusion created by the inclusion of the "cross references to related applications", the Applicant respectfully submits that no confusion should be created in the mind of the Examiner or the public. The cross related applications refer to the "camera system proposed by the present Applicant" as referred to on page 5 and the series of applications related to various aspects of such a camera system including the physical structure and the electronic components thereof, aspects of the inkjet technology employed in the printhead or a disposable camera system employing many such features as disclosed in other ones of such cross related applications listed. The need to lodge a substitute specification is made under 37 CFR 1.78 which requires that references to cross related applications be immediately after the title of the invention. The Applicant refers to the granted patent US 6, 304,291 or US 6, 472, 052, each of which has been allowed in this form as currently objected to by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that a listing as references to cross related applications has a bearing on the specification which is different from that which can be provided by reason of making such a listing as an information disclosure statement or as an appendix. An information disclosure statement is a list of prior art references of earlier priority date with which the current invention is being compared. The cross related applications have priority dates which are identical with or later than the priority dates claimed in the current application, involve descriptions of alternative embodiments and do not constitute admissions of known art pertinent to an assessment of the claimed invention. If the presence of the references to cross related applications is confusing then the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to explain what the confusion is. The Applicant respectfully submits that such confusion should be able to be expressed. The Applicant respectfully solicits withdrawal of this objection and that the substitute specification filed 25 July 2002 be entered.

The Applicant respectfully submits that due to the amendments made to claim 1 the rejections under 35 USC 102 (e) and 35 USC 103 (a) have been traversed in the light of the comments made by the Examiner regarding the disclosures made by Vogel et al as not being a portable or hand held camera system. The Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections should now be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above identified Patent Application recite a novel and not obvious method of colour correction in a hand held camera system which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) [In] A method of colour correcting a sensed image before printing by a [portable]/hand held camera system, said camera system including:

an image sensor device for sensing an image;

a processing means for processing said sensed image; and

a printing system including a printhead for printing out said sensed image; wherein the

[a] method of colour correcting a sensed image [to be printed out by said printhead] before printing compr[ing]es:

utilizing said image sensor device to sense a first image;

processing said first image to determine colour characteristics of said first image;

utilizing said image sensor device to sense a second image, in rapid succession to said first image;

applying colour correction to said second image based on the determined colour characteristics of said first image; and

printing out said second image by said printhead.